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PROTESTORS GATHER FOR 'CAMPUS CARRY' VETO

Protestors and House Speaker David Ralston, gathered together Thursday afternoon, April 14, outside of Sugar Magnolia Bakery and Cafe at a campaign event for Rep. Jon Burns, R-Newington, Georgia House majority leader, to display their disapproval on the pending state law that would allow handguns on college campuses.

According to the Statesboro Herald, the protestors were chanting "No guns on campus!" about 50 protestors held handmade signs that called for Gov. Nathan Deal to veto "campus carry."

A retired public school teacher and Statesboro resident, Laura Campbell, was at the protest advocating against the bill.

"I would like to know why in this universe they think it would be a good idea to have carry on campus. It makes no sense," Campbell told the Statesboro Herald.

The bill that was passed, allows people over the age of the 21, to carry guns on public college and university campuses. Specific rules for carrying the gun are: it must be concealed and not openly carried, and it can not be brought into a building used for athletic events or campus housing (sorority and fraternity houses included).

The protestors were in the parking lot for an hour into the event, matching the crowd size people who came but to actually hear Burns and Ralston speak.

NO TUITION INCREASE FOR 2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Board of Regents approved plans for no tuition increases on Wednesday, that allows all University System of Georgia (USG) students from the current 2015-2016 academic year, to pay the same tuition rate for the 2016-2017 academic year.

According to USG, there has also been an approval from the Board for a 20 percent decrease in the cost of eMajor credit hours for the upcoming academic year. The eMajor initiative gives students the opportunity to take on-line learning programs for completion of specific associate's and bachelor's degrees.

The Affordable Learning Georgia initiative, gives students free on-line e-textbooks which has been estimated to save students over $16 million for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Out of 18 states in the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), the university system of Georgia is ranked seventh lowest in tuition and fees for four-year universities.

NURSING CHAIRS ERECTED BY THE WILLIAMS CENTER

In honor of the five GSU nursing students killed and two injured in the traffic collision in April of last year, seven chairs have been dedicated as a memorial to the students.

The chairs are located outside the Williams Center at the entrance adjacent to the garden. The chairs are painted blue and feature the prominent Georgia Southern Eagles’ Logo with one tear that is representative of the tragedy.

It is not clear yet whether the chairs are simply there as a display or if the chairs can be utilized for sitting and lounging. The chairs seemed to come out of nowhere, becoming noticeable on Monday, April 11.

Repeated attempts to get into contact with the nursing department have left unanswered questions. But it is evident that the chairs were erected this month since this is the month in which the tragedy occurred last year.

SPORTS SHORTS

-The baseball team won 2 games (10-6 and 6-0) and lost 1 (0-4) game this weekend against UT Arlington

Club Mud, a pottery club at Georgia Southern University makes and sells hand made pottery that can be used as perfect accents around your house. These pieces of pottery can be used in various ways for functional decoration that will add an artistic dynamic to your home and impress your guests.

Read about this creative club at http://reflectorgsu.com/club-mud-making-a-house-into-a-home/
Marijuana has been a topic of debate for years. From the videos created to impress fans in the public, to now creating shops in which the drugs can be purchased, marijuana has come a long way. Cities and counties all around the United States have passed laws to lessen the punishment for possession. DeKalb county is currently working towards making the punishment for possession of less than an ounce of marijuana a ticket only offense. That would make it very similar to a simple traffic violation. While around 18 other states have already passed laws to decriminalize minor possession, this would be the first area in Georgia to attempt it.

The importance of this law cannot be overstated. Not only will it help police forces around the country reallocate resources to focusing on more serious crimes, but it also paves the way for further reform at the state government level. As a whole, this law should change the way people see marijuana and how they view its negatives. Positivity could change the “war on drugs” for the better.

My personal view of this law is that the majority of people that possess more than one ounce of marijuana have the intent to sell or distribute and should be arrested. But those that have less than an ounce, in my opinion, are just trying to mellow out. Furthermore, it and when the substance is legalized, it would increase revenue both statewide and nationwide.

The beliefs that I hold are not the only ones that are important within the Georgia Southern community. Many individuals wanted to voice their opinion and how they believed that it may affect them.

I haven’t had any experience with this before but I wouldn’t mind if it was decriminalized because I don’t think it has many instances of people using it badly. I think it will be fine when it is that little and for your own use. But whenever you have that strict rules about alcohol, I think that they should go hand in hand. I’m kind of split about it.

I think less than an ounce of marijuana can be decriminalized because you are not with the intention to sell. If you have over an ounce, like towards a pound, you have intention to sell. If you are just getting some and smoking by yourself, I don’t think it should be a crime where you get arrested.”

“Does an ounce count?”

The decriminalization of marijuana in Georgia

Do you think that this law should be passed and why?

Jayci Carroll,

senior film and production major

Emil Laursen,

freshman economics major

“I think it should be decriminalized because it’s proven to help a lot of people concentrate and study. It has tremendous effects with people with severe anxiety. I think that if that’s what they are using it for, that’s what the most people with small amounts are using to calm themselves. To me personally, it is not a gateway drug.”

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Jaimie Hebert announced as next GS president

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE
The George-Anne Staff

This summer, Jaimie Hebert, current provost and vice president for academic affairs at Sam Houston State University (SHSU), will assume his role as the 13th Georgia Southern University president.

After earning a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and Ph.D. in statistics from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Hebert began his career in higher education as an assistant professor of mathematical science at Appalachian State University, according to his curriculum vita.

Hebert introduced himself to GS students and faculty at his March 10 open forum, where he mentioned his opposition to the campus carry bill and his support of study abroad programs. He also explained his position on supporting athletics.

"I see value in athletics [at a university]... It matches with our societal expectations. Students expect [to have athletic events]," Hebert said at the forum. "You cannot afford the marketing exposure that athletics have brought to your institution... But [we have to ask] whether or not there's a law of diminishing returns [in the advantages of expanding athletics]."

At the forum, Hebert also addressed the need for diversity on college campuses, the underrepresentation of African-Americans at GS, campus sustainability and the importance of investing in each student's success.

Hebert's open forum, the fifth and final forum in the series of presidential candidate visits, left a positive impression for students and faculty.

"I feel really good [about Hebert]... He was very confident in what he believed and his personal opinions on how he should run the university and that they reflect exactly what Georgia Southern already is, so I think he would be a great choice," Madhus Rocha, graduate student of music technology, said after the forum.

Joan Bartels, current interim president at GS, is excited about Hebert and expects him to do a very good job.

"I think he has a very good understanding about how universities work and I'll say he is very committed," Bartels said.

Bartels recently attended a conference in which a Dean from Sam Houston State University approached her and told her how much people like Hebert at SHSU.

"That tells you more than anything, to have faculty, staff and students who say that really liked him that well. He has a great sense of humor," Bartels said. "He is very easy to talk to, very easy to get to know and he has a lot of energy, I think he is going to be a very good addition to Georgia Southern."

Hebert's current place of employment, SHSU, is the 12th largest university in Texas and is classified as a doctoral research university, according to the SHSU website. The school supports seven men's teams and ten women's teams in NCAA-sanctioned sports, all represented by the Bearkat mascot.

"During my time as Student Body President it has been a privilege that Dr. Hebert was Sam Houston State University's Provost. I have not worked with Dr. Hebert much, but he has always been a very approachable guy with a great sense of school spirit and pride in his university," Phillip Lund, president of the SHSU student government association, said in an email.

Lund adds that a lot of people at SHSU admire Hebert and hopes Georgia Southern students do as well when he becomes the university president.

"I dare anybody to try and find a student at SHSU who is not at the same time upset and happy that Dr. Herbert is leaving us, upset because he is moving away from his Bearkat family but happy because we had the opportunity to have a great man in leadership at Sam Houston State University," Lund said in an email. "I am also confident that Dr. Herbert will transfer the passion and enthusiasm that he has had here at Sam to Georgia Southern."

According to a GS press release, Hebert is expected to assume his position as the new president on July 1, 2016 and leave SHSU behind.
The Office of Student Activities will be welcoming six new Organization Leadership Consultants (OLC) in the 2016-2017 academic year. The new position was designed for student leaders to help promote organizational leadership on campus.

"The Organizational Leadership Consultant's program is designed to enhance student leadership opportunities as well as provide services, programs and resources for student organizations and student leaders. Organization Leadership Consultants will serve as program coordinators, facilitators, student organization trainers and workshop presenters," Cara Wood, assistant director of Student Organization Development for the Office of Student Activities, said.

The OLC position was created to help the Office of Student Activities reach more student organizations through peer-facilitated programs. The OLC's will act as ambassadors for the OSA by coordinating and/or facilitating various programs.

Bryanna Evans, freshman public relations major, explains how the OLC position could help her learn to network and connect with other students.

"For me, although I am a [public relations] major, I still struggle with networking with people, especially new people. Lately I have been putting myself in positions to where I can lead groups and have to talk to people," Evans said. "People like me, who are not so comfortable socially, should take opportunities like this in this area and I think that this position would help."

In early February, the Office of Student Activities sought out nominations from faculty and staff for outstanding student leaders. The application and interview process concluded in March, but interested students are encouraged to apply next year.

"Our goals for each OLC is that they grow as a student leader and that they are able to engage in peer-to-peer discussions and education. We hope to grow the program into a highly sought after leadership position on campus," Wood said.

When it comes to applying for jobs, leadership skills are key for any student.

Katherine Milton, junior biology major, said, "So many job opportunities are full of leadership positions. You either need to know how to be a leader or follow a leader. Anyone needs to take a few hints or lessons from a leadership position like this."

Wood anticipates that the application process will reopen Feb. 2017.

Wood said, "Students will be able to apply on the Office of Student Activities myInvolvement page. Any interested student can also contact the Office of Student Activities for more details."
Making it there with makeup

BY DANYELLE GAINES
The George-Anne contributor

When asked what there is to gain while attending college, most of the time the answer is a great experience, time to find out what you like and how to fulfill your career goals. For some, figuring out what career field to enter and finding out why they are in college is done. Others might be lucky enough to have a moment of epiphany and realize exactly what they are meant to do.

Tae Lynn is one of the lucky ones. On the morning of October 13, 2015 she woke up and decided to launch her own makeup brand, Tae Lynn MUA.

Lynn is a senior Spanish major with a minor in information systems. However, art has always been a passion of hers. Using her artistic skills she turned the faces of her client’s into her canvas.

"I had to find an outlet and makeup definitely filled that void. It’s very lucrative and whenever I go people need their makeup done," Lynn said.

Lynn also incorporated the " Hustler" mentality and business savvy skills she learned from her business fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi, to build her brand. She made an Instagram specifically for her brand, Tae Lynn MUA, and is available for booking in Statesboro and Atlanta, Ga.

"I love being a part of that fierce, fast-paced environment, but because all the models needed wore touch-ups here and there, I wasn’t able to showcase my talent," said Lynn.

Working in New York Fashion Week was definitely a confidence booster for Lynn and it helped her realize her worth, despite the negative criticism she received after launching her brand.

"I had to find an outlet and makeup definitely filled that void. It’s very lucrative and whenever I go people need their makeup done," Lynn said.

"I like the way my face transformed and it made me look a bit older. I’d definitely go to her again," Sade MacMullen, junior business management major, said.

Lynn plans on making Tae Lynn MUA a global brand one day or at least well known in the south. In order to reach her goals she simply just takes it one day at a time.

Lynn’s motto is “don’t shoot for the stars, shoot for small goals that’ll get you there.”
From Raps to Riches

BY RACHEL KELSO
The George-Anne staff

To many, rap is nothing but a song consisting of a catchy beat and fast-spoken lyrics relating to drugs, women and violence. On the contrary, rap is a poetic expression. This genre of music allows creativity and inspiration to flow freely through the veins of the artist, opening audiences to a deeper and more genuine listening experience.

Rapping allows LaxxP, a sophomore nursing and linguistics major, to bleed his emotions out while still creating songs that his audience can relate to. "I love being able to be honest and vulnerable to my audience, letting them know who I really am," LaxxP said. "I learn about myself more through rapping."

Primetime, a junior business film production major, began rapping at a very early age, where he would lead sports chants and lunch-table freestyles. Ever since, rapping has been his passion and a way for him to healthily release any and all of his emotions. Now he listens to himself improve with each new rap that he makes. "Rap is important because it's just another form of art and expression," Primetime said. "It keeps my mind creative."

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All these student rappers are currently pursuing careers in the music industry, despite their respective majors. Rap, according to LaxxP, Primetime and We, is a safe and healthy form of self-expression. Creating verses that release their thoughts and pains provides the rappers with stronger emotional stability and a growing confidence that rapping is their destiny. "If you're going to make music, you should do it for you," We said. "Don't do it for fame or money; do it to survive."

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The acronym “GSU” will be replaced with “GS” from now on, following a branding change from Georgia Southern University.
White team with a pair including a 45-yard dash in of rushing touchdowns, Ironhead Gallon said. "Awesome," senior linebacker out there and break it in for the Spring Game, so it felt speed game. The field would hold up to a full were excited to see how the newly installed turf surface, began on Saturday when the team had played on the and players and fans alike team competed in the Blue-Georgia Southern football Paulson Stadium officially | Keigan Williams (right) high-fives L.A. Ramsby (left) on the sideline. The junior running back ran for the Blue team on Saturday.

**BY ROBERT GEORGE**
The Georgia-Anne Staff

The Tyson Summers era at Paulson Stadium officially began on Saturday when the Georgia Southern football team competed in the Blue-White Spring Game. The White team came out on top, defeating the Blue team 27-7. It was the first time the team had played on the newly installed turf surface, and players and fans alike were excited to see how the field would hold up to a full speed game. "It felt good to really get out there and break it in for the Spring Game, so it felt awesome," senior linebacker Gallon said.

Chaz Thornton led the White team with a pair of rushing touchdowns, including a 35-yard dash in the fourth quarter. The only other offensive touchdown of the day came from an 18-yard toss from Favian Upshaw to BJ Johnson III in the final minute of the game. Younghoe Koo and Tyler Bass added a field goal each in the windy conditions. Both offenses were otherwise stymied for most of the day. "[As] a defensive unit, we want our name to be out there this season. When you think Georgia Southern, you think 'offense.' (The defense) really wants to get some input when Georgia Southern is mentioned," Gallon said.

Gallon certainly did his part, as he picked off an Upshaw pass and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown in the second half. Other standout on the defensive side were returning defensive linemen Ryan George, Bernard Dawson, and Nardo Govan, who all recorded sacks on the day. The offenses ran the spread option as expected, but they also passed more than some may have thought. Summers saw the game as a chance to gauge how the passing game has developed and see where they are at in that area. "I thought we did an okay job of that. We're going to be an option team first and be able to run our quarterbacks, but that's not what today was really about for us," Summers said.

The scrimmage featured a lot of mixed lineups consisting of first and second-string players. It was a full-speed, full contact game, and there were plenty of hard hits delivered on both sides of the ball. For senior QB Upshaw, just being out on the field again was enough for a good afternoon. "The game was fun. We got to play football again. Everybody loves to be in Paulson," Upshaw said.

Following the game, the players received their GoDaddy Bowl rings in front of their friends and family. "What an honor it was, the first ever bowl in the school's history. I wanted to make it a big deal. The more we can bring people together the better off we can be," Summers said.

The Eagles have four practices left in the spring, and Summers expressed their main goal is to find out what kind of team they are going to be. "We want to tighten up the secondary's role in the offense: 'It's something we've been praying for. We look it as an opportunity to showcase that we got talent out wide, not just in the backfield.'"

Darius Jones on the secondary's performance: "I thought the young guys did a good job today. I think we started to gel as a unit."

Ironhead Gallon on the GoDaddy Bowl rings: "Extra hardware added to the collection."
Eagles look to keep rolling in midweek series

The baseball team will host The Citadel at J.I. Clements Stadium tonight. First pitch is at 6 p.m.

BY KEVIN KENEELY
The Georgia Southern (GS) baseball team will take on former SoCon rival The Citadel Bulldogs tonight at home before heading to Charleston tomorrow to wrap up the series.

The Eagles are looking to stay hot this week having won six of their last 10 games. The Bulldogs are losers in nine of their last 10 games and are desperately searching for a win.

The Eagles are looking to get some revenge this week as the Bulldogs swept them last season with both games being decided by just one run.

Coming into tonight's game, the team is 21-15 and currently sit alone in sixth place in the conference. With just five weeks left in the season, the Eagles are hoping to use these two games as a way for this team to build some much needed momentum to help finish off the season strong.

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Weekend recap
This past weekend, the Eagles took on UT Arlington in a pivotal Sun Belt matchup as these two teams are right next to each other in the standings. GS won the series two games to one.

"We need to build on this as a club beginning next week against The Citadel," head coach Rodney Hennon said in an interview following the game.

Freshman P Chase Cohen was flawless Saturday as he threw the Eagle's first complete game of the season and improved his record to 4-2. He gave up just two hits while matching his career high in strikeouts with seven. At the plate, Ryan Cleveland continued his power surge with two home runs in game one of Saturday's doubleheader.

P Chris Brown picked up the win in game two, as he took to the mound in the ninth inning and struck out two batters.

After falling behind 0-5, the Eagles began their surge by scoring three runs in the seventh inning with back-to-back home runs from Hunter Thomas and CJ Brazil that led to a 10-6 win.

Wed., April 20
9 a.m. - Noon
Russell Union Ballroom

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